Catching of fish by Foreign Chartered fishing Boats

2052. SHRI B. KRISHNA MOHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign chartered fishing boats in India presently ; and

(b) what is the number of catches reported by them since August, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The number of foreign chartered fishing boats in operation in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone by the middle of November 1985 was 27.

(b) According to reports received by the Government since August, 1985, the total catch in respect of 5 vessels chartered by three companies who have completed the fishing voyage is 583·70 tons from one voyage each.

T. V. Coverage

2053. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the area of the country which has been covered by T. V. stations including main stations and relay stations so far; and

(b) by when the rest of the country is expected to be covered by T. V. stations/relay stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) TV service is, at present available to about 42% of the area of the country, covering roughly 65% of the population.

(b) With the completion of ongoing VI Plan schemes of Doordarshan for TV expansion and schemes proposed to be implemented during the VII Plan, TV service is expected to become available to about 80% of the country's population. Provision of TV service to the entire country would depend on the availability of financial resources during the future plans for TV expansion.

Production on edible oils

2054. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oils of different types expected to be produced by the end of the current financial year ;

(b) whether the above production is likely to meet the needs of the country ; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to meet the shortages; if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P.SINGH DEO) : (a) Based on the target of oilseed production the quantity of edible oils of different types expected to be produced during oil year 1985-86 (November-October) is 38.75 Lakh tonnes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As a short term measure the deficit is met by imports. The long term measures taken by the Government to increase the production of oilseeds and oils are as follows :

(i) Implementation of the National oilseeds Development project